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SUBJECT: UNFICYP: U.S. STATEMENT DURING SC DEBATE ON
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1. U.S. STATEMENT AT CONCLUDING MEETING OF THE SECURITY
COUNCIL EXTENDING THE MANDATE OF UNFICYP FOR ANOTHER
SIX MONTH PERIOD WAS DELIVERED BY DEPUTY PERM REP LEONARD
ON JUNE 16, 1978. THE COUNCIL ADOPTED RESOLUTION 430
DURING EARLY MORNING THE SAME DATE.

2. TEXT OF AMB. LEONARD'S STATEMENT:

THIS COUNCIL'S RENEWAL OF THE UNFICYP MANDATE FOR ANOTHER
SIX-MONTH PERIOD TESTIFIES TO OUR FIRM BELIEF THAT THE
MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND STABILITY OF CYPRUS WILL
ENABLE THE TWO COMMUNITIES TO RESUME THE NEGOTIATING
PROCESS ON A CONSTRUCTIVE BASIS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS UNFIYCP HAS CONTINUED TO CARRY
OUR ITS MANDATE WITH QUIET EFFICIENCY. WITH THE UNITED
NATIONS OPERATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, IT SHARES THE
REPUTATION FOR IMPARTIALITY AND INTEGRITY WHICH HAS
MADE UN PEACEKEEPING THE MAJOR FORCE FOR WORLD PEACE THAT
IT IS TODAY.

IN RECENT WEEKS THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND OTHERS HAVE MET SEPARATELY WITH PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU, PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT AND MR. DENKTASH, THE LEADER OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY. THESE DISCUSSIONS HAVE NOT YET RESULTED IN SUFFICIENT PROGRESS TO PERMIT THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO RESUME THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAS NEVERTHELESS STATED IN HIS LUCID REPORT TO THE COUNCIL THAT HE IS DETERMINED TO CONTINUE HIS EFFORTS TO BRING THE PARTIES CLOSER TOGETHER SO THAT NEGOTIATIONS LOOKING TOWARD A PERMANENT SETTLEMENT CAN BE RESUMED.

WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S EFFORTS. ON MAY 22 MR. DENKTASH ISSUED A STATEMENT WHICH CLARIFIED, AND TO A CERTAIN EXTENT REFORMULATED, THE TURKISH CYPRIOT POSITION. THIS WAS IN MANY RESPECTS A POSITIVE AND ENCOURAGING STATEMENT. WE THINK IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO BUILD ON THE IDEAS HE EXPRESSED AND ON THE PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD BY THE TWO SIDES TO MOVE TOWARDS AN EARLY RESUMPTION OF THE TALKS AND RESOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM.

IT IS MY GOVERNMENT'S CONVICTION THAT THIS IS A CRUCIAL MOMENT IN THE HISTORY OF CYPRUS. IF TALKS ARE NOT RESUMED AT AN EARLY DATE, OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROGRESS ON THE ISSUE MAY WELL BE DELAYED FOR SOME TIME TO COME, AND

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AS A CONSEQUENCE THE UNFORTUNATE DE FACTO DIVISION OF THE ISLAND COULD FURTHER SOLIDIFY. IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE NOW TO BRING THE PARTIES TOGETHER FOR SUSTAINED, GOOD-FAITH, AND PRODUCTIVE NEGOTIATIONS.

MR. PRESIDENT, I WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAS SPECIAL AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR HELPING THE PARTIES REACH AN AGREED SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS DISPUTE. UNDER RESOLUTION 367, ADOPTED BY THIS COUNCIL IN MARCH 1975, THE SECRETARY GENERAL IS REQUESTED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, "TO UNDERTAKE A NEW MISSION OF GOOD OFFICES AND TO THAT END TO CONVENE THE PARTIES UNDER NEW AGREED PROCEDURES AND TO PLACE HIMSELF PERSONALLY AT THEIR DISPOSAL...." MR. WALDHEIM HAS SCRUPULOUSLY CARRIED OUT THIS RESOLUTION, AND WE HAVE NO DOUBT THAT HE WILL CONTINUE HIS MISSION SINCE IT REMAINS THE WILL OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

THE CONNECTION BETWEEN PEACEKEEPING AND PEACEMAKING IS PERHAPS CLOSER AND MORE INTENTIONAL IN THE CYPRUS QUESTION THAN IN ANY OTHER AREA OF UNITED NATIONS

INVOLVEMENT. IN MY GOVERNMENT'S VIEW, THIS CONNECTION IS INEXTRICABLE. THE UNITED STATES BEARS A HEAVY BURDEN IN SUPPORT OF THE UN FORCE IN CYPRUS, ALONG WITH ONE OTHER PERMANENT MEMBER AND SEVERAL NON-PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THIS COUNCIL. ONLY THE DEMONSTRATED WILL AND DETERMINATION OF THE PARTIES TO ENGAGE IN SERIOUS, CONSTRUCTIVE INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL CAN JUSTIFY THIS BURDEN.

MR. PRESIDENT, WE NOTE WITH SATISFACTION THAT THERE

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HAS BEEN A SLIGHT DECLINE IN THE UNFICYP DEFICIT TO \$53.5 MILLION. THE REDUCTION, HOWEVER, IS LARGELY DUE TO A REDUCTION IN COSTS AND NOT TO A MORE EQUITABLE SHARING OF COSTS OF THE FORCE. THE TROOP CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES BEAR A PARTICULARLY HEAVY BURDEN. WE REGRET THAT MORE COUNTRIES HAVE NOT HEEDED THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S APPEAL OF MARCH 23 TO CONTRIBUTE TO UNFICYP, AND THEREBY GIVE CONCRETE EVIDENCE OF THEIR COMMITMENT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY.

IN CLOSING I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY GOVERNMENT'S SINCERE APPRECIATION TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL FOR HIS CONTINUING EFFORTS TO PROMOTE A LASTING SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS DISPUTE. WE WELCOME HIS APPOINTMENT OF AMBASSADOR REYNALDO GALINDO-POHL AS HIS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE IN CYPRUS. I WISH FINALLY TO EXTEND OUR THANKS AND ADMIRATION TO UNDER SECRETARIES GENERAL URQUHART AND GUYER

AND THEIR ABLE STAFF, TO MR. REMY GORGE, WHO
SERVED FOR CONSIDERABLE PERIOD AS ACTING SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, AND TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF UNFICYP FOR THE
HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL MANNER IN WHICH THEY HAVE DISCHARGED
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